

17. The same in honour and ignominy, the same to friend and foe, abandoning all undertakings—he is said to have crossed over the Gunas.—(xiv. 25.)

18. And he who serveth Me exclusively by the Yoga of devotion, he, crossing beyond the Gunas, he is fit to become Brahman.—(xiv. 26.)

Division of the Gunas—

SHRI BHAGAVAN said :

19. Of these Sattva, from its stainlessness, luminous and healthy, bindeth by the attachment to bliss and the attachment to wisdom, O sinless one.—(xiv. 6.)

20. Rajas, the passion-nature, know thou, is the source of attachment and thirst for life, O Kaunteya, that bindeth the dweller in the body by the attachment to action.—(xiv. 7.)

21. But Tamas, know thou, born of unwisdom, is the deluder of all dwellers in the body ; that bindeth by heedlessness, indolence and sloth, O Bharata.—(xiv. 8.)

22. Sattva attacheth to bliss, Rajas to action, O Bharata. Tamas, verily having shrouded wisdom, attacheth on the contrary to heedlessness.—(xiv. 9.)

23. Now Sattva prevaieth, overcoming Rajas and Tamas, O Bharata. (Now) Rajas (overcoming) Sattva and Tamas ; and (now) Tamas (overcoming) Sattva and Rajas.—(xiv. 10.)

24. When the wisdom-light streameth forth from all the gates of the body, then it may be known that Sattva is increasing.—(xiv. 11.)

25. Greed, outgoing energy,

undertaking of actions,
restlessness, desire—these are born
of the increase of
Rajas, O best of the Bharatas.—(xiv.
12.)